

# YOUTH CONTEST IN MO

The 2024 MO Royalty contest is scheduled to be held May 4 at the MSRPA Picnic Rabbit Show in Sedalia.

The MO Royalty contest consists of four parts – a written exam, breed identification of 25 different ARBA recognized breeds of

rabbits and cavies, judging 2 classes of 4 animals.

Royalty age categories are as follows: King and Queen (age 15-18), Duke and Duchess (age 12-14), Prince and Princess (9-11), Lord and Lady (age 5-8)

Information registration for the contest will be announced later, watch the Facebook page. All youth are welcome to compete, but winners for all contests must meet the following guidelines:

1. Be a member of the MSRPA, through one of the affiliated clubs by May 1.
2. Reside in Missouri.
3. Be at least 5 years of age and have not reached their 19th birthday by the day of the contest.

Although Breed ID and Judging are used for the Royalty Contest, these same scores will be used to determine the winners of the Breed ID and Judging Contests. Members who want to compete only in the Judging or Breed ID contests are also welcome but must meet the above general requirements to place.

Age divisions for these contests will be Senior (age 15-18), Intermediate (age 12-14) and Junior (age 5-11).

**MO Breed ID Contest-** There are four parts for each animal. Each of the 25 animals will need to be identified by Breed, showroom variety, four or six class, and registration variety. There is only 1 animal of any breed and all animals will be seniors of a variety recognized by the ARBA. There can be both Rabbits and Cavies in the contest. The Standard of Perfection lists the information for the recognized breeds of both rabbits and cavies. For grading, misspelling is not counted as wrong as long as the information can be interpreted. Abbreviations are not allowed. There is no time limit for the Breed ID Contest. The best way to learn Breed ID is to go around at shows looking at all the different breeds and identifying them. Most breeders are more than willing to teach you about their breed. <https://arba.net/youth-contests> is the link where you will find the Breed ID guide.

**MO Judging Contest-** 4 animals are placed using the scale in the Standard of Perfection for the breed. Participants will be allowed to use their Standard during the judging contest. This is a timed contest and 7 minutes will be allowed to place each class. Classes shall consist of 4 rabbits or cavies. There will be no visualizations for wrong sex, nasal discharge, broken nails. Other rules will be announced and posted the day of the contest.

**MO Written Knowledge Exam-** Information for this test can come from the Standard of Perfection, Domestic Rabbit Magazine, Raising Better Rabbits & Cavies, and general information. All contestants will need to be present by 8am to start the written test.

These contests are also a great practice for the ARBA Royalty Contest, Judging Contest and Breed ID contest.

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